A

LETTER

Sent to a Noble Lord of this KINGDOME,

From an Eminent *DIVINE.*

OF A GREAT MIRACLE wrought by a peece of a Handkercheſe, dipped in His Majeſties Blood.

The truth whereof, he himſelfe ſaw, and is ready to depoſe it, and doth believe, will be atteſted by 500 others, if occaſion requires.

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Moſt Excellent Sir:

THAT your Lordſhippe may not bee a Stranger to thoſe things which have come to paſſe heere in theſe our dayes, ſince the death of our Gracious Soveraigne Lord, King CHARLES; I ſhall make bold to begin this my Letter unto you (moſt Excellent Sir) in the Words and Preface (with a little alteration), of Saint LUKE to his Goſpel.

Foraſmuch as many have ſet forth, and privately diſcourſt of thoſe things which are moſt ſurely believed amonſt us, even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eye and eare Witneſſes of them. It ſeemed good to mee alſo, having had perfect underſtandding of thoſe things from the very firſt, to write unto you in order, moſt Excellent Lord, that you may know the certainety of thoſe things, which I have both heard, and ſeene.

I Was deſired by a Noble Knight, a Kinſman of mine, after hee had related to mee a Miracle which hee had ſeene done at DEDFORD neare LONDON, to goe thither to know the truth of it, and to witneſſe it under my hand for the greater confirmation of it, that thereby it might bee the more credibly believed amongſt Strangers; whereupon I went thither to the houſe of one Miſtriſſe BAYLY, the Wife of CHARLES BAYLY, who related it to mee as it followeth, which I writ downe *verbatim*, as neare as I could, from her and her Daughters owne mouth (in the preſence of Mr. THOMAS BRET, an Ancient Gentleman of knowne truth and integrity) and then I read it over to them, and they confeſſing the truth of it, the Mother ſet her hand unto it, her Daughter her Marke, and Mr. BRET ſubſcribed his name as a witneſſe to it.

This my Daughter about a yeare and a halfe after her birth was troubled with a ſwelling under her chin, and a flux of rhume in her eyes, for the removall and cure whereof I uſed all the meanes I could; but ſhee continued ſtill in the ſame caſe: at laſt I procured a water from one Mrs. ARNOLD, which being applyed to her eyes, diverted the humour from thence; ſo as they being pretty well, it fell into her lippes, which thereupon ſwelled grievouſly, and then about a Moneth after it returned into her eyes againe, whereupon both her eyes and lippes were extreamely ill, the ſwelling in her neck ſtill continuing, and at laſt ſhee

was abſolutely blinde in her right eye for twelue Moneths, and then it fell into the left eye after that manner, that ſhee could ſcarce diſcerne the light of a Candle; ſome telling mee that it was the Kings Evill, others doubting of it; I never ſought for remedy by a touch from the hand of His Sacred Majeſty while Hee was living; at laſt the Saturday after His death, I went to Mr. FRANCIS COLE his houſe a Woollen Draper at the Black Lyon at Paules Chaine, whoſe Journey-man gave mee a little peece of a Handkerchefe that was dip't in the Kings blood, and then returning home, it came into my minde that many Miracles had beene done by Handkercheſes or Aprones, which were brought from PAULS body to the ſicke, as I had read, Acts 19. v. 12. whereupon I ſtroaked my Daughters eyes, and the ſwelling under her chin with it, which preſently was much better then before, and mended every day; at laſt through forgetfulneſſe I neglected the application of it for a Night, and then the next day ſhee was almoſt as ill as ever ſhee was before in her eyes; whereupon I uſed it againe, and it hath helpt her, and ſhee is now perfectly recovered, as you ſee, in her eyes, and the ſwelling under her chin is almoſt gone, the colour of her fleſh is recovered, and the paine totally gone: with this ſmal peece of a Handkerchefe was all this done, which many have deſired of mee; but, although I am but a poore woman, and of meane condition, I proteſt I will not ſell it for forty pounds.

MARY BAYLY *the Mother of the Childe.*

The Marke [M] *of* MARY BAYLY, *the Childe that is cured, who is about foureteene yeares of Age.*

All this was related, confeſt, and ſubſcribed in the preſence of mee, THOMAS BRET.

AND now, Excellent Sir, I ſhal crave leave to make the ſame profeſſion, that ANNAS the high Prieſt, and CAIPHAS did when they ſaw what was done by PETER, Acts 4. 16.

It is manifeſt that a notable miracle hath beene done, and we cannot deny it, but muſt confeſſe (as our Saviour did of the man that was borne blinde, Joh. 9. 3.) the works of God are manifeſt in this childe by this miraculous cure: For my part therefore, I cannot but acknowledge (and here I ſhall make bold to expreſſe my ſelfe almoſt in the ſame manner that NICODEMUS did unto our Saviour,) that his ſacred Majeſty (now with God) was a Phyſitian that was ſent from God; for the Reliques of no man could doe ſuch miracles, except God had beene with him, John. 3. 2. And I hope it may be lawfull for me to ſay, as Saint Peter did, Acts 2 22. that he was a man approved of God by miracles, wonders, and ſignes which God had done by him. As then the blinde man in the Goſpel, John 9. 30. told the Phariſees, that it was a marvellous thing, that they ſhould not know from whence his Phyſitian was, who had opened his eyes: ſo ſhall I from henceforth tell any man that doubts of our Soveraignes being with, and comming from God, that I marvell at him, ſince this relique (with Gods bleſſing) hath opened the eies of a childe that was blinde, which ought to ſtop the mouths of all thoſe rayling RABSHAKAH'S, *Tumulo quos ſenſimus hoſtes*, who have lately ſlandred the footſteps of the Lords Anointed, and endeavoured to kill him in his grave. This one miracle (not now to ſpeake of his ſanctified life, and unimitable expreſſion of himſelfe in his moſt divine Booke, which ſhewes though he were bodily here, yet his converſation was ſtill in Heaven) may make it apparent (ſince it will be atteſted by ſo many hundreds of Brethren) to all good Chriſtians who will not wilfully blindefold themſelves

ſelves that he is returned to God (who gave and ſent him out of his eſpeciall favour unto us) and that he is now a Saint in Heaven. And that your Lordſhip may alſo, after this painfull life is ended, raigne with him there, ſhall ever be the prayer of

Your Excellencies moſt humble ſervant,

G. I.

Barbara Pyramidum ſileat miracula Memphis.

Let Rome no longer boaſt of Garnets *ſtraw,*
Nor Beckets *blood, for what I lately ſaw*
Done by a crimſon relique of King CHARLES,
Outſhines their feigned miracles and charmes,
As much as PHŒBUS *in his pride at noon,*
Out ſhines the twinkling ſtarres, and darkned Moone.

MAY it pleaſe you (Excellent Sir) to know that I am informed there have been many others cured by his Majeſties blood, which will be atteſted by people of moſt eminent Quality; but in regard I can onely be depoſed of the truth of this particular, I have onely made mention thereof; but concerning the reſt, I believe that ſuddainely (Excellent Sir) you will have a true and certaine certificate.

Cure of the Kings evil
the touche of his bloo
a peece of a handferch
v. 28. Jul. 1649.

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